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ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

March 11 - Social Inclusion Scrutiny Panel, 7pm

March 13 - Eltham and Kidbrooke Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm

More information on 020 8921 5130 or www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

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RAYMOND FIELDING, aged, 16, Charlton: 'Bus journey home.'

LETTERS

Write to: GT Letters, Communications Team, Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ or email contactgreenwichtime@gmail.com
We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

Cyclists can be so inconsiderate

I CAN sympathise with David Higgins, who was nearly knocked over by the inconsiderate cyclist at the junction of Charlton Way and Vanburgh Park. It is inexcusable that the cyclist made no effort to back off to allow the pedestrian to proceed, whatever

the situation it must be remembered that this is still a footpath. This letter only highlights how selfish many cyclists can be. I have nearly been knocked down several times crossing the road on a pedestrian crossing, when a cyclist "undertakes" the stationary vehicles

Star Letter

and carries on or, worse still, completely ignores me on the crossing. The moral of this story is not that signs need improving, more

that attitudes need to change. Cyclists have been given space on pavements to isolate them from cars but now the problem has shifted to cause danger to pedestrians! I am afraid that until cyclists act in a responsible way and until they are compelled to have some kind of registration things will not improve.

**John Roberts,
Plumstead**

New computer equipment before activities

UNFORTUNATELY, I went away soon after seeing this issue, (Jan 29), so have been unable to comment before. I was slightly annoyed to see two pages (10&11) advertising activities at all libraries. Rather than spending money on new activities would it not be better

to invest in new computer equipment, particularly in Eltham, to avoid so many problems for resident users? I have been promised an upgrade there for at least six months and the problems are getting worse - e.g. no email access on most popular sites for over a week! I realise that

the library is now run by Greenwich Leisure Limited but am sure the council funds somewhere along the line. I have been sorely tempted to withhold a portion of my council tax as I am not getting the service for which I am paying but realise that is not the answer!

David Crafter, Plumstead

•THANKS for the feedback, and apologies that you had trouble accessing your emails. The advert in GT was to help promote library activities to local residents.

A programme of IT renewal has been planned for all libraries across the borough and work is due to start in April.

Pavements can be precarious

I AM writing in reply to J.K. of Plumstead about pavements, (Feb 19). Years ago, near to retirement, I tripped and fell because of an uneven pavestone. I had an horrendous fall, spinning and spinning towards a wall before falling to the ground

and rolling over and over. Two ladies said they wondered when I was going to stop rolling. End result a broken big toe. Because of this I tear through the tops of my shoes, I cannot balance and now wear orthopaedic shoes.

P.H. Woolwich

OUR Star Letter writer wins a £30 gift card to spend at Sainsbury's Woolwich, so get writing! For information about your closest store and to shop online go to www.sainsburys.co.uk

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Staff the tops too

WHAT you did not mention in your two-page article on the Nathan Way recycling facility, (Feb 19), is the unfailing courtesy and helpfulness of the staff there. Whenever we visit we always come away awarding them top marks and thinking what a credit to Greenwich Council the entire team there is.

**Derek Hyde,
Blackheath**

My fave is the 89

A REAL godsend during all this cold weather has been the buses, and I don't think they get the credit for it. My own favourite is the 89, which always seems to be regular and on time - and so warm!

**Christopher Knott,
Blackheath**

by Dick Townsend-Smith

RESIDENTS on Woolwich's Armstrong Estate can now get fit and healthy together – without having to pay a penny.

The open space between their four blocks of flats off Vincent Road has been fitted with a £16,000 outdoor gym, with enough kit for up to 11 people to have a workout all at the same time.

It was installed by environment regeneration charity Groundwork London, after the tenants' and residents' association, won a grant from Transform, a London 2012 Changing Places programme, with support from the royal borough.

Association chairman Mansoor Beg, who has lived on the estate for four years, said: "We did a survey, and people said they wanted a gym. People are now using it during the day and in the evenings. It's great, and we are very happy with it."

Chair of the local housing panel, Gary Brown, said: "I think it's great as well. It's good quality equipment, and people are using it properly."

Resident Sab Obi said: "It's good because we don't have anything else like this round here. When the government talks about people getting fat, having the gym will encourage them to get fit and healthy."

The gym was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Thursday by Cllr Steve Offord, the royal borough's cabinet member for housing. He said: "At this difficult time for families it's good to see the council and Groundwork working together to provide recreation and exercise equipment for families to use together."

• Other residents' groups who would like support in getting new community facilities can contact the community participation and diversity team on 020 8854 8888.

The Armstrong Estate's new outdoor gym...

Fits the bill!



KEEPING FIT TOGETHER: Resident Sab Obi with Cllr Steve Offord, right, locals Mansoor Beg and Gary Brown

Bar owners fined £10k for hygiene offences

THE OWNERS of the Trafalgar Tavern have been forced to fork out more than £19,000 after a visit by environmental health inspectors.

Greenwich Inc (Trading) Limited was fined £10,500 with £8,675.52 costs after the royal borough environmental health team found serious breaches of food hygiene at their Trafalgar Tavern venue in Greenwich town centre last year.

The sentence was handed out by Greenwich Magistrates' Court on Wednesday February 20. An additional £15 victim surcharge was also issued, taking the total amount payable to £19,190.

Following a routine visit by environmental health inspectors on February 16, 2012 they found evidence of a serious mouse infestation including mouse droppings in the main kitchen, on shelves and in a store room.

There was no access to hot water or hand washing facilities and raw sewage was found to be backing up into sinks, which

had then been covered in cling film.

The condition of the kitchen posed an immediate and serious food hygiene danger so a temporary closure order was imposed to allow for urgent improvements to be made. The owners carried out a deep clean and other improvement works including the fitting a new boiler. As a result the premises were able to open again on February 21, 2012.

Councillor Maureen O'Mara, the royal borough's cabinet member for community safety and the environment said: "The royal borough has a legal duty to ensure that local food premises operate safely and we always offer advice and guidance to food businesses to help them meet their legal requirements. We're also committed to ensuring that people can visit and eat at local restaurants across the borough in the knowledge that safe and essential food hygiene standards are being followed."

• Food hygiene advice for businesses is available on 020 8921 8177 or email health@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Youth concert raises £60,000

A GIG to raise funds for young people has netted £60,000.

The concert, featuring Olly Murs and Lawson, was hosted by radio DJ Dave Berry on February 11 at the Indigo2 in North Greenwich. Dave is a youth service

ambassador for Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT), which uses sport to inspire and empower young people, and masterminded the event in celebration of the trust's 20th anniversary. The money raised will be split between CACT and

Help a Capital Child which supports children and young people affected by abuse, homelessness, disability, poverty and illness. The gig was a sell out, with a crowd of 2,600 attending. For information about CACT visit www.cact.org.uk

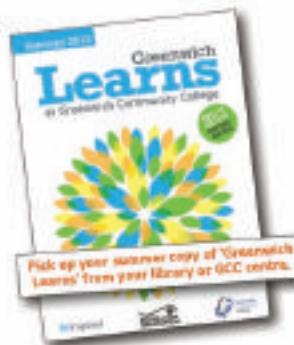
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WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!

A trip up the ArcelorMittal and tour of the Olympic Park

ROYAL Borough residents have a chance to enjoy a 360 degree view of the London skyline 80 metres up above the Olympic Park.

The high level trips up the ArcelorMittal Orbit are being offered as part of an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the developing Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The site is being transformed and begins to open to the public in July 2013. Park managers, the London Legacy Development Corporation are offering tours to the public during the Easter holidays from Friday, March 29 to Monday May 6. Tickets to the Park in Progress tours are £15 for adults, £10 concs (OAPs and students with NUS card), £7 children (aged up to 17) and children aged four and under go free. People will need photographic ID and everyone – including children need tickets. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

You can get further information and buy



tickets online at www.NoOrdinaryPark.co.uk or by calling 0844 581 4995. GT has 85 pairs of tickets to the preview day on March 28 when tours will run from 9am-3pm – every 30 minutes – and last about 60 minutes. To be in with a chance of winning a pair, simply name the three Olympic and Paralympic venues in the borough and send

them along with your name, address, telephone number and email address on a postcard marked 'Park in Progress Tour', GT Competitions, The Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ or enter at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/orbittours by noon on Friday, March 15. Entries will go into a ballot and winners will be informed by Friday, March 22.

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Visits to the school are welcome. Please contact the school and ask for Wendy Leathwood, Deputy Headteacher. (wleathwood@middlepark.greenwich.sch.uk)

Application forms:

**Electronic copies available from our website:
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**Closing Date: Wednesday 20th March 2013
Interview date: Wednesday 27th March 2013**



We're so

Invicta gets top marks from Ofsted

by Peter Cordwell

JUST when Invicta primary school thought it couldn't get any better, it did.

The 273-pupil school in Charlton was assessed as 'outstanding' by Ofsted as former pupil Daniel Day-Lewis won an Oscar for his role as Abraham Lincoln.

"It's fantastic, a wonderful time for the school," said 40-year-old headteacher Marie Corbett. "What really pleased me about the report was that it recognised the hard work the school has put in over the last three years.

"We have gone from satisfactory to outstanding as a result of relentless determination to raise standards at the school."

The Ofsted inspectors found:

- Teaching is increasingly outstanding and almost always at least good in all subjects and year groups.
- Teachers expect the best of every pupil. They set tasks which are not only at the right level but sufficiently demanding for pupils to build on their skills and abilities.
- Standards are well above average in all subjects and have been consistently high over the last three years.
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary and makes an exceptional contribution to their learning and the school's safe environment.
- The headteacher is an inspirational leader who is dynamically supported by highly committed governors and staff.

"We try to provide a really exciting curriculum for the children and for Invicta to be a place for their parents to be proud of," said Marie, who has been at the school for seven years, five as head. "We held a Pride of Invicta awards day for children and parents who had shown the Paralympic values of determination, courage and inspiration.

"We knew this school was special and so did the parents but it's good to have someone external to come in and confirm it. We work hard on including Greenwich and the local area in our curriculum, including a whole school theme on the Cutty Sark, called 'A Sailor Went to Sea', to look at Greenwich's maritime history.

"This term we are carrying on the Olympic momentum with 'Be Inspired for Life', looking at aspects of health and fitness, and using the Olympic and Paralympic successes to inspire the children's lives."

The school is also expanding from a



one-form to two-form entry, and is due for a rebuild.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, told GT: "This is a wonderful achievement by Invicta, who have made incredible progress over the last three years to jump from satisfactory to outstanding.

"This can only be achieved by hard work and inspired leadership, and everyone involved at the school should be really proud."

● *Read more about former pupil Daniel Day-Lewis in GT's story, Greenwich lad's record Oscars haul, on p14...*

outstanding



INVICTA VICTORIOUS: above, pupils from all year groups celebrate their Ofsted success; left, youngsters show off some of their project work with headteacher Marie Corbett and right, a medal which has been made for the new school rating.



Work starts on new Willow Dene

MAJOR work to rebuild Willow Dene school has got underway. Pupils and the headteacher were joined by Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, to see the start of the £14million rebuilding scheme. The Plumstead school is for children with special needs but is currently spread over a number of buildings. The rebuild scheme will create a single purpose-built building along with a brand new warm water pool. Willow Dene has 159 primary school age pupils with a variety of complex needs. The school has been fully involved in the design

of the redevelopment and pupils, parents and teachers are looking forward to a modern new school building which will have improved accessibility, more facilities, and the highest standards in sustainability. It's being funded by the royal borough together with government grants including £1.1million from the royal borough towards the warm water pool. Cllr Smith said: "It's so exciting to see this rebuild project getting underway. "The rebuild is going to lead to very high quality educational and therapy facilities for some of the most vulnerable and disabled

children in the royal borough. With these fully inclusive, state-of-the-art facilities, I know that Willow Dene will continue to be a centre of excellence for years to come." Headteacher Michelle Bernard added: "The children are really excited and thoroughly enjoying following the progress of the build. They are taking photos and creating books that will chart the story of the rebuild of Willow Dene School. Having a purpose-built school and access to an onsite pool will enable us to enhance the amazing provision that is already on offer. The warm water pool will increase children's access to swimming, and further develop the outstanding physical progress made by children at Willow Dene School."



SUPERHEROES: Woodhill pupils dressed as five Mundos

Super 'Mondo' for Woodhill's special project

WOODHILL primary school has launched 'Project Mondo' to help highlight the activities that parents and children can do together.

The launch included a projection onto the school building of the students singing 'Perfect Day' for the beginning of the project that hopes to help the inclusion of all parents and students at the school.

The school, on Woodhill in Woolwich, has 500 children speaking 47 languages – and one of the challenges was helping parents to get involved with student work or the school.

Project Mondo is running across five categories:

- Learning - where parents can work with their child after school together.

- Belonging - is about being part of the school community: attending a parents' evening or cooking.

- Exploring - going out to museums, local farms, or visit local landmarks.

- Sharing - is the chance for the parent to tell the school about their child's behaviour, helping around the house or being considerate to people for example.

- Helping - is about anything the parent can do to help at school, from attending assembly to doing something for a school event.

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The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2013
The Greenwich (Greenwich Town Centre CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 134 of Part II of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1991, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be:
 - (a) in Creekside, to remove 18 metres of free parking space on the east side of Creekside, opposite Brudenell Court, and replace it with single yellow line waiting restrictions that would operate between 8am and 5pm on Monday to Friday inclusive;
 - (b) in Woolwich New Road, to remove 10 metres of double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions and extend the existing loading bay on the south-east side of Woolwich New Road, outside Nos. 65 and 67 Woolwich New Road;
 - (c) to provide double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions in the streets and lengths of streets referred to in the Schedule to this Notice; and
 - (d) to add No. 1 Egerton Drive to the list of properties whose occupiers are eligible to purchase Greenwich Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone permits or visitors' vouchers.
3. Further Notice is hereby given that the Council is proposing to prohibit vehicles from stopping 'at any time' on a cab rank in Greenwich Church Street, outside Nos. 45 and 47 to 49 Greenwich Church Street.
4. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders and proposed cab rank are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, at the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ.

5. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 3883.
6. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing by 26th March 2013, specifying the grounds on which objection is made, to Royal Borough of Greenwich, PO Box 485, Kemp House, 153-165 City Road, London, EC1V 2NA (quoting reference PCL/DRD/JP/1000001876).
7. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ

Dated 5th March 2013
(REF: RBT/DRD/JP/1000001876)

Schedule – 'At Any Time' Waiting Restrictions

Hither Farm Road, both sides, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Nelson Mandela Road and 15 metres south-east of that kerb-line.

Horna Road, both sides:

- (a) between the north-eastern kerb-line of Paston Crescent and 10 metres north-east of that kerb-line; and
- (b) between the western kerb-line of Stibthorpe Road and 14.5 metres west of that kerb-line.

Nelson Mandela Road,

- (a) both sides, between the south-western kerb-line of Rochester Way and 15 metres south-west of that kerb-line; and
- (b) the south-east side, between 15 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Hither Farm Road and 22 metres north-east of that kerb-line.

Paston Crescent, the north-east side, between 10 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Horna Road and 10 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Horna Road.

Rochester Way, the south-west side, between 15 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Nelson Mandela Road and 15 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Nelson Mandela Road.

Stibthorpe Road, the west side, between 10 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Horna Road and 10 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Horna Road.



Be a tourist at home!



Discover local attractions for Tourism Week

DISCOVER the attractions on your doorstep during English Tourism Week.

The royal borough is urging locals and visitors to see the sights in Royal Greenwich during a national campaign to promote tourism across the UK.

It's showcasing the borough's historical, heritage and architectural landmarks during English Tourism Week from March 16 to 24. And inviting tourists and residents alike to attend a series of exhibitions, music, art and sporting events taking place over the next few months.

It's all part of the royal borough's Discover More campaign designed to encourage visitors to pay a return visit to Greenwich after London 2012. The campaign aims to build on the success of Greenwich as a host borough for the Games and encourage visitors to stay longer and explore the full range of attractions on offer.

More than 18 million visitors come to Greenwich each year, supporting 12,000 jobs and generating £774million a year for the local economy. Tourism is a key priority in royal borough regeneration plans to boost the local economy and create more jobs.



by Dick Townsend-Smith

HISTORIC MANSION: a Discover More campaign poster promotes Charlton House

As well as the parks and open spaces, there's an endless list of top-quality attractions from the splendour of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage site and the stunning riverfront to the remarkable architecture of the Royal Arsenal in Woolwich, Eltham Palace and the Greenwich Peninsula - home to the world's most successful entertainment venue, The O2.

• Most are free to visit and 'Discover More' has a range of exclusive special offers for visitors available at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/discover

Residents have a chance to explore the hidden gems on their doorsteps during the annual 'Be a Local Tourist Day' in Eltham. The day on Sunday, March 24

offers a host of free activities from tours and historical adventures to musical entertainment at Eltham landmarks including Eltham Palace, the Bob Hope Theatre, St John the Baptist Church, the fire station and The Lodge, home of the Royal Blackheath Gold Club.

• Details at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/discover/localtourist

Cllr Peter Kotz, the royal borough's cabinet member for cultural and creative industries, said: "Royal Greenwich is recognised as a great place of culture, and its rich mix of arts and entertainment attract millions of visitors from all over the UK and worldwide every year. With so much to do you really need more than just a day to explore what's on offer."

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POPULAR VISITOR DESTINATIONS: some of the local landmarks visitors flock to include, far left, the Cutty Sark; above right, The O2; left, the Fan Museum, above left, the Thames Barrier and above Greenwich Market

Coming up: events for the diary

- Enjoy free lunchtime recitals at Charlton House, and get refreshments at a special rate from the Mulberry Tea rooms, 1pm to 2pm on Fridays until March 29.
- The Fan in Europe: 1800 to 1850 – a Fan Museum. Exhibition of European fans until May 12. From £4 for adults, concs available
- Virgin London Marathon 2013 - across Royal Greenwich, April 21. Watch athletes for free from 8am to 4pm.
- Sundance London Film and Music Festival 2013 – at The O2, four exciting days of live music, UK premieres of American films, April 25-28. £12.50 for individual tickets
- A Retrospective on The Jam (British Music Experience) at The O2, May 1 to September 30.
- Ansel Adams: Photography from the mountains to the sea at the National Maritime Museum until April 28. £7 adults, £6 concs, £2 children. Family tickets available
- Art Deco Fair at Eltham Palace, May 11 - 12 and September 7 - 8.
- Gaze at the beautiful etchings and drawings using early 20th century watercolours, by Gertrude Ashworth and Daniel Warry, depicting Eltham in all its splendour at 'This Eltham of Ours' a free exhibition at Greenwich Heritage Centre until May 18.
- Explore the vital role of women serving in the British Army during World War II and in today's Afghanistan at 'A Woman's Place', an exciting new exhibition at Firepower, the Royal Artillery Museum until mid-April.

● Learn about the creator of the amazing interior of the Painted Hall, Sir James Thornhill, the first English artist to receive a knighthood. Hear about his influences, his techniques and his rivals and just why it took 19 years to complete his masterpiece. Saturday, March 16 at the Old Royal Naval College.

● Experience a spectacular journey across the universe at the Peter Harrison Planetarium – London's only planetarium, with new weekend shows throughout the day.

● The National Maritime Museum hosts a series of lectures to mark the bicentenary of the publication of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. Discussing Austen and her links with the navy, join them for a fascinating in-depth look at Georgian Britain and its dependence on seafaring from March 7.

● The Greenwich Festivals kick off with the Greenwich Children's Theatre Festival which runs from March to April. Held in partnership with Greenwich Theatre and The Tramshed, it offers an extravaganza of theatre, puppetry, storytelling and interactive family fun. It's all part of a series of high quality events to celebrate the cultural vibrancy of Royal Greenwich. It also includes the Greenwich + Docklands International Festival 2013 – a range of free events across Royal Greenwich, June 21-29.

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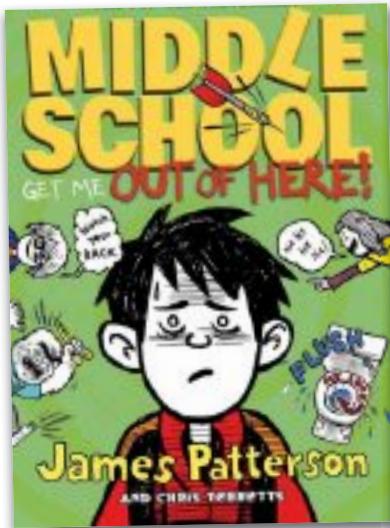
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WIN! WIN! WIN! Two books by top author James Patterson

BEST-SELLING author, James Patterson, joined royalty to help launch the Get Dads Reading campaign last week.

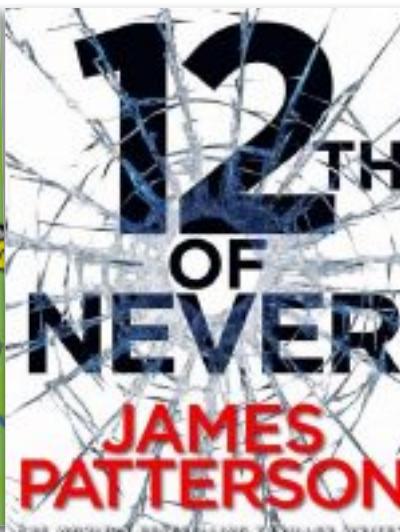
The writer went to West Greenwich library along with HRH Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, and Royal Greenwich Mayor David Grant to encourage more fathers to read to their children as part of a national campaign led by Booktrust, the UK reading charity. They met storytelling dads who regularly attend reading events at royal borough libraries and children's centres. James started writing for children in 2005 to encourage his own son to read and has developed his own website, ReadKiddoRead, to help dads find books to read with their children. Since then his series for kids – which include Maximum Ride and Middle School – have skyrocketed, spending more than 220 weeks on the US bestseller list.

He is also the 2010 Children's Choice Book Award Author of the Year and a



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founding partner of Booktrust's Children's Reading Fund. GT has six signed copies of his books to give away in a competition. They include three copies of 12th Never for adults and three copies of his children's book Middle School: Get Me Out of Here. We're offering three prize sets including one of each book per



winning entrant. To be in with a chance of winning send your name, address and contact phone number on a postcard marked 'Get Dads Reading' to GT Competitions, Communications Team, The Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ or email contactgreenwichtime@gmail.com by noon on Friday, March 15. The first three entries chosen at random will win the book prizes. Get details of library events at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/libraries



FANCY FEST FUNDRAISERS: down in the station box visitors get information about the huge underground structure, above, runners race through the tunnel carrying a model of the works



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Hundreds join tour of new Woolwich Crossrail tunnel

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FIVE hundred people walked - and ran - through the massive junction box which is set to provide the foundation for a Woolwich Arsenal Crossrail station.

It was a chance for visitors to learn more about the link it will provide for the royal borough during half-hour tours at an open day last Wednesday (February 27), and there was also a fancy dress fun run through the site. The Woolwich station box is 256 metres long, 26 metres wide and 18 metres deep. In a few weeks time two 1,000-tonne tunnel boring machines will arrive to begin digging twin bore tunnels from Plumstead then under the Thames to North Woolwich. The box was built by Berkeley Homes as part of the multi-million pound transport project which will offer locals direct access into

London and the west right out to Heathrow and Maidenhead.

The developer is also building almost 600 new homes above the site and there will be retail and commercial space.

It's the result of a deal between Berkeley and the royal borough, Transport for London, the Department for Transport and Crossrail. It's expected to provide a major boost for the old Royal Arsenal site, which is undergoing a £1billion regeneration, and Woolwich town centre.

The open day was attended by Berkeley Homes and Crossrail directors, Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford.

Berkeley hosted the fun run in aid of Demelza children's hospice, and Capital Radio breakfast DJ Dave Berry and TV celeb Sally Lindsay

made a speech on behalf of the charity which they support.

Seventy runners - dressed as characters including Batman, Super Mario and a matador - made donations and sprinted through the underground thoroughfare which is equivalent to the size of 32 Olympic swimming pools.

Last week Crossrail said round-the-clock work was on track to create 26 miles of tunnels beneath London for the scheme. Crossrail's chief executive Andrew Wolstenholme said: "With 26 miles of new tunnels to be built for Crossrail we are delivering our own London marathon beneath the streets of the capital. This is a huge and complex task with work underway 24 hours a day below London's streets."



BELOW GROUND: Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford and royal borough deputy leader Cllr Peter Brooks talk to Keith Lee from Demelza.

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Expanding Eltham

Development plans for a key site in Eltham have been welcomed by residents and trade schemes which are rejuvenating landmark sites in and around the town centre. Hilary Br

WORK is set to start on a new shopping and housing complex on a key site in Eltham town centre.

The Grove Market site in Court Yard at the crossroads of Court Road and Eltham Hill has been boarded up for some years but a new deal will finally see development starting this summer. Developers Eltham Renaissance have linked up with Citygrove Securities PLC to develop the site with housing and shops.

Plans for the development include new homes, a hotel, a supermarket, retail unit for cafe or restaurant and parking.

Last week developers confirmed negotiations were underway with a number of partners to occupy the supermarket and hotel spaces and that demolition was due to start by early summer.

Richard Upton, director of Eltham Renaissance said: "We acquired the Grove Market Place site just as the economy went into freefall in 2007. Since then we have been working very hard to secure a future for this important site in the heart of Eltham."

"The deal we have struck with Citygrove to take the scheme forward does just that. I am confident that the exciting future we planned for the site will now be delivered by a partner with considerable experience and commitment to Eltham's town centre."

Eltham Renaissance is a sub group of the Cathedral Group which is overseeing the development of several sites in and around the town centre. The group is also behind the overhaul of the Coronet cinema at Well Hall roundabout.

Most of that site has been rebuilt providing new shops and 63 new homes. The old foyer in the Grade II listed building is set for a new life as a restaurant once developers can find an operator. Negotiations have been ongoing to complete the development which will include a 60-seat community cinema and any plans would retain the original art

deco character of the building.

The new developments fit in with royal borough plans to boost the town's fortunes which are set out in the Eltham 'masterplan'.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the royal borough's cabinet member for enterprise, regeneration and skills, said: "Eltham is experiencing an exciting period of change with new investment and significant redevelopment taking place."

"The royal borough has identified the town as one of four key growth areas and adopted the masterplan, which sets out a vision for the area over the next 15 years. It aims to ensure existing and emerging development meets the very specific needs of the area while attracting investment from both the public and private sectors."

Patrick O' Sullivan is chair of the Eltham Partnership, a forum of town centre businesses, community groups and the council. He told GT: "Our main objective includes promoting Eltham as an accessible, safe and high quality environment for the benefit of business, residents and visitors."

"We encourage improvements to the economic, social and environmental well-being of Eltham and the quality of life for people in Eltham. We are looking forward to the Grove Market development offering a more attractive and lively place that people will want to visit and return to."

"This development will hopefully promote our town centre by adding to the shops and available accommodation."

On the retail front, vacancy rates in the town remain low and new businesses include specialist flooring company BR Flooring.

Trader Kish Gokani opened the new carpet store on Eltham High Street, just three weeks ago and said: "I know the area well and the high street always tends to be busy. The area needed a carpet shop and all the new developments will be good for business."

• **Further details of businesses and local events at www.elthamse9.co.uk**

ON THE DRAWING BOARD:
an artist's impression of how the Grove Market site could look



FUN FAÇADE: above, hoardings around the Coronet site show an audience queuing to go into the cinema, and inset, an artist's impression shows the completed development. Negotiations are underway to find an operator to run a restaurant

SETTING SITES RIGHT:
below, the historic Orangery is retained as part of a new business unit development in Orangery Lane



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NEW HOMES: the former Eltham baths site, above, will soon be offering new homes for shared ownership

Plots on the landscape

DOZENS of new homes will soon be on offer for shared ownership on the site of the former Eltham Baths in Eltham Hill.

The London & Quadrant Housing Association is set to complete works on site by the end of next month. The new complex called Eltham Springs will provide 45 one and two bedroom flats and two three-bedroom houses. In the first phase prices for one-bed flats start at £76,500 for a 45% share in a property worth £170,000.

- New homes for sale are being built on the former Eltham Gym site in Messeter Place off the high street. They include six, three-bedroom, two storey town houses and four two-bed room flats with residents' parking.

- Planning permission has been granted to NHS Greenwich which has plans to build a new Community Hospital in the heart of the town centre on Passey Place with a view to opening in 2013/2014. The new hospital could house a seven-day-a-week GP surgery, GP walk-in service,



SETTING SITES RIGHT: above, plans illustrate the proposed community hospital

outpatients services and 40 intermediate care beds. Once final approvals are granted by NHS London, it's hoped that works will start on site in the spring.

- The Greenwich Enterprise Board is restoring the historic Orangery in Orangery Lane, Eltham to provide seven new business units for the town centre. Specialist architects have been employed to design the offices and studios, which will be available for rent later this year. The development will retain the baroque character of the historic building, which had been empty for over 50 years, and will include a contemporary, two-storey building. For details and lettings from September, visit www.geb.co.uk

- A new 91-room hotel is set to be built on the site of Burger King in Sidcup Road, New Eltham. It will have a tier of floors of one, three and four storeys with a reception foyer, bar and restaurant on the ground floor with parking planned for the ground floor.



LOCAL LANDMARKS: Eltham is known for its highstreet, leisure facilities at the Eltham Centre and attractions such as Well Hall Pleasaunce, Eltham Palace and St John's Church, which make it a desirable place to live and work



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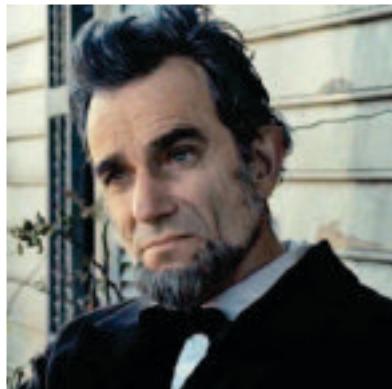
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BEST ACTOR: Day-Lewis won his third Oscar for role in Lincoln

Greenwich lad's record Oscars haul

HE was a pupil at Sherington and Invicta primary schools, and now he's a three-time Oscar winner.

Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor at the Hollywood awards ceremony on February 24, for his portrayal of US president, Abraham Lincoln.

In doing so, he made history as the only man to win the best actor gong on three occasions, surpassing Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson's two each.

He saw off competition on the night from Denzel Washington and Hugh Jackman to take the statuette for his part in the Steven Spielberg biopic that charted the 16th president's ultimate feat – the abolition of slavery.

Hollywood is a long way from where it all started for Day-Lewis – the Crooms Hill house where he grew up.

The property opposite Greenwich Theatre has a blue plaque honouring Daniel's poet laureate father, Cecil Day Lewis.

It was where the actor spent his formative years, when he was a pupil at the Invicta Road primary, and then Sherington on Wyndcliff Road in Charlton.

He won his first best actor Oscar in 1989 for his role as Christy Brown in *My Left Foot*, and got his second for *There Will Be Blood* in 2007.

Film fans can stroll through Oscar-winning locations at Greenwich's Old Royal Naval College. It featured in *Les Misérables*, which won three Oscars, and in James Bond's *Skyfall*, which won best song. More info about the site at www.ornc.org

Quids in at Poundtown

THINGS might not be so great when you're Poundtown, Petula Clark or no Petula Clark.

Poundtown is the latest typically challenging play to be staged at Greenwich Theatre by the Kidbrooke Theatre Company based at Corelli College, from March 19 to 23.

The new play by Ben Hales takes a darkly funny look at double-dip Britain with a 21st century Pied Piper having some highly questionable investment plans for the high street.

Poundtown is on from March 19 to 23. Tickets £12.50/£7.50. Book on: 020 8858 7755 or at www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk



JULIE FELIX is sure to have her lyrics in order at Charlton House this Friday, after an appearance last year left her lost for words.

The perennial folk singing activist, who will be 75 in June, forgot a couple of lines at the International Women's Day event, but turned it into a running joke with the 120-strong audience packed into the old library.

And, with all due respect to the Dylan song she famously covered – 'Masters of War' – she went down a bomb.

"I'm always involved in women's and political issues so it was a joy to perform at Charlton House last year. It's such a lovely venue and I'm delighted they have invited me back," Julie told *Scene*.

"Last year I expected it to be all women but it was a mixed audience, which is even more important these days. This is a very important year for women following Eve Ensler's A Billion Rising worldwide project on Valentine's Day.

"Two weeks ago I was singing at the House of Lords for a charity to build a hospital in Palestine. It was funny because normally I'm outside the building protesting!"

Julie was very much part of the international folk revival in the early Sixties after "getting out of" college in Santa Barbara. "I majored in drama and English, and learned guitar from my dad, who was a musician. I never intended to be a singer. I didn't know what I was going to be."

"I travelled around Europe and in Greece I came across a young man who was writing a book of poems who turned out to be Leonard Cohen. I eventually came to England and somebody made a tape of me singing at a folk club and sent it to Decca records."

She became the first folk artist to be signed to a major label and went on to give her first solo concert at the Royal Albert Hall in 1966.

"I sang Masters of War at the House

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Felix from the flames



ALI KINDS OF FOLK:
Julie and her beloved
acoustic guitar

Julie Felix returns to Charlton House this Friday, but she won't come unstuck this time around, she tells PETER CORDWELL

of Lords. The activity that still makes the most money for the global elite is the sale of arms," said Julie, who will be giving a 75th birthday concert at Leicester Square Theatre on Saturday, June 15.

"When I recorded that song I left out the last verse because I thought it was so dark. I ended on the line that all the money they've made will never buy back their souls. But now I sing the whole song, including to the lords!"

What's Julie's take on the longevity of stars from the Sixties – the Stones, Dylan, herself and many others? "I

think some of us are bringing certain energies from the Sixties and there are some songs that still need to be sung and need to be heard.

"I think music is a kind of prayer sometimes and it's electricity to be plugged into. And I've found you can balance the spiritual and the political by bringing the feminine into the equation.

"As I approach three-quarters of a century I hope what I've learned can help other people along the way, musically, psychologically or whatever – to benefit the greater whole."

The event on Friday is one of the regular specials put on by Louisa Le Marchand's Global Fusion Music and Arts group based in Charlton.

As well as Julie Felix, there will be a Tai Chi demonstration from Chew Yeen Lawes, some Nigerian Highlife from Princess Adebisi Faderera Oke, Jewish singer Minouche Kaftel and the Tamil Academy Dance Group.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm-10pm. Tickets £7 and £6 for Greenwich card holders. More info: 020 8858 9497 or globalfusionarts@yahoo.com. Tickets at: www.wegottickets.com



MAKING A GOOD IMPRESSION: painting of Canary Wharf

Mosaic man has a night off the tiles

ROGER MORTIMER is best known for the sprawling mosaics that adorn the borough's public spaces, schools and centres. Brookhill children's centre is home to two of his artworks, and he's creating a Paralympic mural at Robert Owen Early Years Centre from recycled rubbish.

But now he wants to show off a different part of his art – his impressionist paintings. He's got an exhibition on at the Paul McPherson Gallery in East Greenwich until March 16.

"I've always painted and exhibited, but this is my first in Greenwich," Roger told Scene. "It's a chance for people to see the other side of my work."

The 34 paintings which make up the Immersed collection comprise 29 landscapes and seascapes and five of buildings.

"Some have references to places – there is one of Canary Wharf and Docklands. The paintings are really about how I respond to places," he said.

Roger works from memory most of the time.

"They are images how I remember them," he said. "I always think that photos are never quite how I remembered a scene. I put intuition into the paintings."

The pictures have been put together over a remarkably short period, with the artist producing them all since November.

"I work quite quickly, but they have to feel right on the canvas because it's an intuitive process. They have to 'click' inside."

Roger finds inspiration for his work in seemingly mundane situations.

"I travel a lot by train, and I get fleeting glimpses of things that would make wonderful pictures. They are a representation of how I remember them – it makes it more intense and makes you more interested in the picture." RK

Immersed exhibition is on at the Paul McPherson Gallery, 77 Lassell Street, Greenwich, March 5-16. Free entry. More info www.paulmcgallery.com or call 020 8269 2990

Journey times

YOUNGSTERS got the chance to go back in time at the Discover Greenwich centre to find out what life was like for sailors in the 18th century.

The Greenwich Journeys exhibition runs until next month and shows work made by local schoolchildren as part of a project focusing on long distance travel. Pupils explored the stories and people associated with the history of the ORNC to create a range of work which is on show at the centre's gallery.

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GREENWICH PENINSULA ECOLOGY PARK

Frog Day. Sun Mar 17

ARE you a frog fan? If you love the little green critters, the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park day devoted to the amphibious creatures might be right up your street.

Frogs are a cold-blooded species that live on land and in water. At this time of year they rise from their winter slumber to start procreation in the form of laying frogspawn in ponds and lakes, so it's the perfect time to see them up close.

Activities are free at the park on the Thames Path just off John Harrison Way, and include pond dipping, microscopy, storytelling, treasure trails, art and garden pond workshops.

Experts are on hand to give advice about how to help keep up the population of frogs and toads and keep wildlife friendly.

Warden Joanne Smith said: "Frog numbers are in serious decline worldwide so it's important we do our bit to help them."

Frog Day is at the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park on Sun Mar 17, 11am-3pm, FREE. Info: 020 8293 1904, or www.urbanecology.org.uk

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
HORNFAIR ROAD**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate improvement works to the pedestrian refuge in Hornfair Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading) in Hornfair Road, between the south-eastern boundary of Charlton Road and the common boundary of Nos. 87 and 89 Hornfair Road.

2. The above restriction will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicles access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.

3. Whilst the closure is in operation, the alternative route for vehicles will be via Hamber Road, Canberra Road, Hatherleigh Lane and Charlton Road, and vice versa.

4. The Order will come into force on 25th March 2013 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take approximately 10 days to complete.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5580.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 5th March 2013
INTERNAL REF: (2009)01/0001

**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
WOOLWICH ROAD**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate改善 works in Woolwich Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading) in Woolwich Road, the northern eastbound carriageway only, between the south-western boundary of No. 237 Woolwich Road and the eastern boundary of No. 231 Woolwich Road.

2. The above restriction will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicles access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.

3. Whilst the closure specified in paragraph 1 above is in operation, the alternative route will be via Peartree Way, Biggs Way and Anchor and Hope Lane, and vice versa.

4. The Order will come into force on 5th March 2013 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will be completed within 24 hours.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5473.

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WIN! A Valentine's Day wedding or civil partnership at Charlton House



DOZENS of loved up couples have written in to claim a wedding or civil partnership ceremony in our Valentine's Day competition.

And with an entry deadline of March 29, there are still just over three weeks left for you to enter.

Charlton House has three function rooms available for wedding ceremonies or civil partnerships. There is the Long Gallery for the ceremony, the Old Library suitable for receptions, and the Grand Salon which can be used for the ceremony or drinks reception - while in house caterers, Relish, can provide a wealth of ideas to help plan your event. The house features a dance floor and car parking and there is accommodation for guests at three nearby hotels.

The mansion, which is celebrating more than 400 years, features many architectural highlights including a classic archway at the entry to the grounds, an original ornate oak staircase, many original fireplaces and the charming walled gardens.

It all makes a perfect setting for celebrating your union.

Charlton House is offering one lucky couple the chance to celebrate their romantic day in the stunning Jacobean mansion next Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14 2014.

Worth more than £1,900, this sensational prize includes your ceremony in the beautiful wood-panelled Long Gallery, followed by a drinks reception for you and your guests in the Grand Salon with its magnificent Italian marble fireplace and strapwork ceiling.

● To enter the competition simply fill in the form below or apply online at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/charltonhousevalentine

● For more information call the events team on 020 8856 3951 or email charlton.

house@greenwich.gov.uk or visit www.charlton-house.org

Terms and Conditions

1. Open to all UK residents except anyone professionally connected with the competition.
2. Limited to one entry per household. No third-party or bulk entries will be accepted.
3. Competition closes Friday, March 29 2013.
4. No purchase necessary.
5. All entries received will be entered into a competition to win the following: a Valentine's Day ceremony followed by a drinks reception for up to 110 people at Charlton House on Friday, February 14 2014.
6. No responsibility can be taken for lost, delayed or non-transmitted entries.
7. Prize is as stated and no cash or other alternative prize



is available except that in the event of circumstances outside of its control, Charlton House reserves the right to provide a similar prize of equal or greater value.

8. The winners will be notified in writing within 28 days of the closing date. The Royal Borough of Greenwich's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

9. The prizewinners may be required to participate in publicity, locally and nationally.

10. All descriptions and images entered into the competition may be used for PR purposes by Royal Greenwich.

11. Entry to the competition means you agree to receive details of other events and offers at Charlton House.

A 2014 Valentine's Day wedding or civil partnership at Charlton House

On a separate piece of paper, please explain why you should win a ceremony at Charlton House in no more than 300 words. Send your entry to Valentine's Day Wedding Competition 2014, Greenwich Time, The Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ by Friday, March 29 2013.

Name of entrant:.....

Address:.....

Telephone contact

Email contact.....

Your chance to help Plumstead Make Merry

ONE lucky Plumstead pupil will see his or her drawing on the front of the programme for this year's Plumstead Make Merry Festival on Plumstead Common. Primary schools in the area will receive a template for the cover and the winner will also receive a prize.

The festival will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 12-6pm and individuals, charities and businesses can apply for stalls at www.plumsteadmakemerry.co.uk, including a loyalty discount for those who had a stall in 2012. The festival is run entirely by

volunteers and new ones are welcome. It's a great chance to take part in a prestigious community event and adding new skills to your cv. Email plumsteadmakemerry@yahoo.co.uk if you want to take part. Performers vary from acoustic musicians, dance groups, choirs,

story-tellers, entertainers and live bands. Go to www.plumsteadmakemerry.co.uk to find out more. Anyone with memories of the early days of the festival are invited to contact Rhiannon at the email address to contribute to a document on the early events.

Got a story for GT? Write to GT, Communication team, Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ, email contactgreenwichtime@gmail.com or call 020 8921 5916

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed. Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to: For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time. For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application online at

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

1

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

2

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

3

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

4

Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website
www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaaladda Greenwich (Guri-ihaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashoo) Khadka Ku-tarlanka waxaa laga helaa:
Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihe Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hatti Türkçe de aranabiliyor:
Turkish 020 8921 4347

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The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 10 March 2013.

GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority applicants can apply for Bands A&B



Ref Number: 53853
De Havilland Drive
Cambridge Row SE18
3 Bed 1st Floor Mais
Unlifted Rad C/H
No pets/pkg
£151.24pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 82848
Bridge House
Defence Close SE28
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets
£121.29pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174154
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£122.01pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174730
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£140.56pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174731
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
1 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£122.01pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174738
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
3 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£151.98pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174749
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
3 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£151.98pw Bands A&B



HYDE PROPERTIES
FREEMANTLE HOUSE
1 Open Plan Kitchen
2 No Parking
3 No pets
4 Electric cooker only



Ref Number: 174758
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
1 Bed 7th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£122.01pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174766
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed 7th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£140.56pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174949
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed 8th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£140.56pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174951
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed 8th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£140.56pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174992
Jessup Close SE18
2 Bed House
Gdn No Pkg
Pref to mvg to smaller
£94.93pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 175346
Dowells Street SE10
3 Bed House
Rad C/H
No pets/pkg
£127.98pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 175534
Bissexile House
Bliss Crescent SE13
2 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£101.02pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 175539
Grinling House
Rectory Place SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£91.75pw Bands A&B



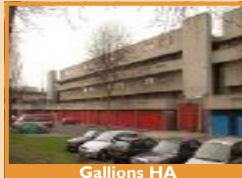
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Southend Close SE9
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£99.22pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174829
Walmer Terrace SE18
3 Bed House
Gdn Rad C/H
£106.21pw
Bands A&B



Ref Number: 175637
Lamport Close SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£81.19pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 175663
Cobden Court
Byron Close SE28
2 Bed 1st Floor Mais
Lifted Rad C/H No pets
£106.18pw Bands A&B

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

**Anyone on
the housing
list can
apply for
these**



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174732
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
1 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
£122.01pw Band C



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174764
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
3 Bed 7th Flr Fl Lifted
Ent ph Rad C/H No pets
No /pkg Max 2 chn any age
£151.98pw Band C



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174765
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
1 Bed 7th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets/pkg
Max 2 child any age
£122.01pw Band C



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174950
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed 8th Floor Flat
Lftd Rad C/H No pets/pkg
Max 2 child any age
£140.56pw Band C



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174954
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed 8th Flr Fl Lifted
Ent ph Rad C/H No pets
No pkg Pref to single shrs.
£140.56pw Band C

Rsl allocations
policy applies
to **Housing
Association**
properties



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 175022
Freemantle House
Dowells Street SE10
3 Bed 9th Flr Flat Lifted
Ent ph Rad C/H No pets
No pkg. Min 2 child any age
£151.98pw Band C

HYDE PROPERTIES

FREEMANTLE HOUSE

- 1 Open Plan Kitchen
- 2 No Parking
- 3 No pets
- 4 Electric cooker only



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 175358
Dowells Street SE10
2 Bed House
Rad C/H
Max 1 child under 16
£121.56pw Band C

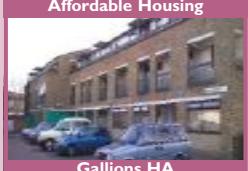
Affordable Homes

Please note
any Housing
Association
properties
advertised in
this way will
have a higher
rent charge



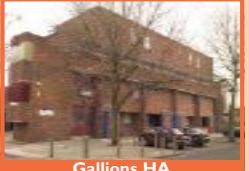
Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 51162
Hawsmoor CI SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Storage Htg No pets
£128.68pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 175513
Redwing Path SE28
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
Entry phone
Over 40's No pets
£101.69pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 175515
Disraeli Close SE28
3 Bed 2nd floor Mais
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets
Max 2 child any age.
£110.40pw Band C

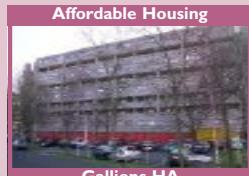


Ref Number: 175454
Kingsman Street SE18

Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H
£72.76pw Band C



Ref Number: 175478
Sovereign House
Europe Road SE18
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£109.36pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 175514
Beveridge Court
Saunders Way SE28
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Ent ph No pets
Rad C/H Max 2 chn any age
£134.77pw Band C



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 175635
Alliance Road SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Gdn Rad C/H No pets
£114.44pw Bands A&B



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 175662
Wren Path SE28
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
Entry phone
Over 40's No pets
£125.54pw Band C



Ref Number: 175573
Kimber House
Barnfield Road SE18
3 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H Min 2 chn any age
£103.76pw Band C



Ref Number: 175633
Nightingale Heights
Nightingale Vale SE18
1 Bed 11th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Com Gas Htg
£92.85pw Band C

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Important Notice

Changes to the rents and tenancies of some advertised housing association properties.

Affordable Housing

Currently the rent level for the properties you see advertised in Greenwich Homes is significantly lower than full market rents in private sector housing.

From now you will now be seeing some housing association properties advertised for higher rents, up to eighty percent of the market rent. These rents will also include the service charge that you will need to pay for the property. We will use the phrase Affordable Housing on the adverts to help you identify these properties.

Please note the Council will continue to advertise all the homes it owns at the standard rent level.

You can bid for properties advertised as Affordable Housing in exactly the same way as for other advertised properties. If you are successful the housing association may want to check you have enough income to pay the higher rent, whether you are working or on benefits. If you are currently a housing association tenant the rent you pay on your present home will not be affected by this change.

Fixed term tenancies

You will also notice that the tenancies for Affordable Housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase Fixed term tenancy will be used in the adverts to identify these properties. The tenancy details will be explained to you if you are successful when you view the property.

Please think about these changes when bidding for an Affordable housing property and make sure you can afford the home that you choose.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 326

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Keynes Court Attlee Road SE28 8DL	2	FLAT	327	16/04/2010	C
Stanley Close SE9 2BA	4	HOUSE	118	20/07/2009	B
Leamington Court Restell Close SE3 7RD	2	FLAT	90	21/05/2011	B
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Starting Blocks was set up by the royal borough to support aspiring athletes and backed Olympic Judo silver medalist Gemma Gibbons, weightlifter Zoe Smith and paralympian Andy Barrow. For info and to book ticket, call Cherie Waterman on 020 8921 2179 or email cherie.waterman@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

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Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 05/03/2013

Hilka Hems - Chief Planning Officer

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Applicant: Mr Anthony Harrison The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Limited
WOOLWICH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, RECTORY PLACE, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 5DA

Development: Erection of a four storey building comprising a church and 9 flats / maisonettes.

Drawing Number: A0019-2-3-PL280, A0019-2-3-PL281, A0019-2-3-PL282, A0019-2-3-PL283, A0019-2-3-PL284, A0019-2-3-PL285, A0019-2-3-PL286, A0019-2-3-PL287, A0019-2-3-PL288, A0019-2-3-PL289, A0019-2-3-PL290, A0019-2-3-PL291, A0019-2-3-PL292, A0019-2-3-PL293, A0019-2-3-PL294, A0019-2-3-PL295, A0019-2-3-PL296, A0019-2-3-PL297, A0019-2-3-PL298, A0019-2-3-PL299, A0019-2-3-PL300, A0019-2-3-PL301, A0019-2-3-PL302, A0019-2-3-PL303, A0019-2-3-PL304, A0019-2-3-PL305, A0019-2-3-PL306, A0019-2-3-PL307, A0019-2-3-PL308, A0019-2-3-PL309, A0019-2-3-PL310, site location plan, pre-demolition site plan, design and access statement and cover letter dated 01/03/13.

Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT
Conservation Area: Not Applicable

Applicant: Mr S Thomas
CHARLTON PARK LODGE, CEMETERY LANE, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8DZ

Development: Formation of a loft conversion to habitable room together with the insertion of two roof lights.
Drawing Number: 07979/01, 07979/02, 07979/03, 07979/04, Plans: 07979/P01, P02, P03 & P04, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 07 December 2012.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL

Conservation Area: CHARLTON VILLAGE

Applicant: Mr Scanlon Crossrail Limited
CROSSRAIL PLUMSTEAD PORTAL SITE, WHITE HART AVENUE, THAMESMEAD, SE28 0GW

Development: Installation of a temporary railhead facility, comprising rolling stock for engineering trains, engineering track maintenance and cleaning facilities, materials and waste storage, accommodation and welfare, 107 LV power supplies, signalling and vehicle parking, with associated permanent earthworks, drainage, fencing, retaining walls, highway access and substation.

Drawing Number: C122-OVF-T-004-CU14B, T-81120 Rev P01, T-81125 Rev P01, T-81130 Rev P03, T-88113 Rev P02, T-88104 Rev P02, T-81101 Rev P04, T-88100 Rev P02, T-81124 Rev P01, T-81127 Rev P01, T-81121 Rev P02, T-81120 Rev P03, T-81104 Rev P02, T-82149 Rev P02, T-88101 Rev P01, T-88102 Rev P01, T-88103 Rev P01, T-88102 Rev P01, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Non-Technical Summary, Road Risk Assessment, Planning, Design & Access Statement, Sustainability Statement, Transport Assessment and Covering document dated 11/02/2013.

Library: Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL
Conservation Area: Not Applicable

Applicant: Mr Wellkala
LAND R/O MACARTNEY HOUSE, CHESTERFIELD WALK, GREENWICH, SE10 8HJ

Development: Demolition of existing storage buildings and construction of a single storey dwelling (Resubmission).
Drawing Number: Lp 0002, 001, 002, 003, 006 Rev A, 004, P_001, 003, Le 000, 001, 002, 003A, 003, 004, Ls 001, 002, 003, Architectural Impact Assessment, Heritage Statement, 3 Photo Sheets, Design & Access Statement, Artist Impression, Proposed Brickwork, Proposed Materials Study, Shadow Projection Study, Eltham Homes Audit and Sustainability Audit.

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0RN
Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK

Applicant: Miss Katy Webster
51 ASHBURNHAM PLACE, GREENWICH, SE10 8UG

Development: Installation of replacement timber windows and doors on rear elevation.
Drawing Number: Window Details, Design & Access Statement, Site Location Plan and 15 Photographs.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0RN
Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM PLACE

Applicant: Mr P Bentley
FLAT 2, 139 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8UQ

Development: Replacement of existing timber windows with new timber windows.
Drawing Number: Allocated Nos: 01 - 010, Doc: 001, Photo Sheets: 1 - 8, Design and Access Statement, Site location plan, Email dated 13 February, 18 February and 19 February 2013.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, London, SE10 0RL
Conservation Area: adjacent to Sun in the Sands

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I3/0330/F

I3/0347/F

by Rod Kitson

A COMMUNITY sports project is steering young men away from gangs and onto the football pitch.

"We think that getting youths involved in sport is very important," said Meridian Sports and Social FC's coach David Doherty. "We try to get them involved in sports to channel their energy away from crime."

The Charlton club play in the South London Alliance League, and have more than 30 players aged 16 upwards, who come from the local area and the university where David is getting his coaching badges.

The importance of the club's work really hit home when a fringe player was killed last month.

The tragedy made David even more focused, and now the team meet three times a week.

"If you get them involved in sports, they have got something that keeps them busy that they can focus on. It keeps them occupied day-in, day-out," said the 39-year-old.

"They have a routine and they have something occupying their hearts," he said. "I'm trying to create a club with a timeframe that will suit the lads. We train from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday and Fridays, and we play matches on the weekend."

David knows what it is like to be at a low ebb - he spent time homeless before he was able to get a roof over his head and start the club a year ago.

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TEAMWORK THE KEY: players from Meridian Sports and Social FC take a break from training at their ground in Charlton

something I ever want to go back to. I use myself as an example to them, to say, 'Listen, I've been in your shoes, and you have to be calm, you have to think

of what you want to do for yourself and the community, and think about the way people perceive you'.

"We want to try and create another

avenue for them, which is why I always say to them that they can speak to me about anything. We do whatever we can to encourage them to come down to play with us."

Local businesses have got involved to support the club. "Nando's kindly said that we can go down there and have something to eat every two weeks on Sunday, and that's another incentive," said David.

"We're trying to get them into training courses, and a couple of the lads have said they want to go into coaching football. We want to show that through the channel of football there are many other avenues they can pursue."

Nineteen-year-old right-back, Fernando Spence told GT: The club's helped me a lot, it's really good in terms of the things we have available to us, and the coaching too - not a lot of people would take the time out in a weekday to come and support a project like this."

Mustapha Junior, 20, added: "It's something to do to keep you going - to come here day-in, day-out is great, and whatever you do in life you need that routine."

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Gem's golden throw

At last she hears the anthem played for her

by Peter Cordwell

GEMMA Gibbons' campaign to break new ground following her Olympic silver medal continued with victory in the Dusseldorf Grand Prix.

The 26-year-old from Charlton captured the British Championship title a month ago and was making her first international appearance since winning silver in London.

The Dusseldorf Grand Prix is one of the highest-level events on the International Judo Federation calendar, attracting the top competitors from around the world.

The final of the under 78kg women's category saw Gibbons face Ruika Sato. It was another tough fight that almost went the distance. Gemma won it by throwing the young Japanese athlete 12 seconds from the end of the contest, sealing

her first IJF World Tour win. Gemma said: "It was great to win here today and to hear the national anthem play for me for the first time was amazing."

"I was really pleased I was able to perform at this level and execute some great judo. It's been six months since I have fought against some of the best players in the world and to come away with the gold gives me great confidence going forward to the European Championships."

Coach Kate Howey said: "Gemma fought really well today throwing the Japanese with a fantastic uchi mata in the final."

"This was a great performance back at this level, having time out to recover from her thumb operation after the games. It proves to her and the rest of the judo world that the Olympics was not a fluke and she can win at this level. This will give her so much confidence for Rio."



CRASH MAT: Gemma slams Japanese finalist Ruika Sato with a finishing move at the Dusseldorf Grand Prix Pic: Fighting Films

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